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Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioners Michael Copps
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) is a national organization representing the interests of approximately 1.7 million Latino trade unionists throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. LCLAA members engage in different creative programs that promote political empowerment, community building, leadership development and economic development of Latino workers and their families. LCLAA works in coalition with other leading Hispanic organizations to maximize support for economic and social policies that are essential to advancing the interests of Hispanics. LCLAA also works with these organizations to combat legislation that poses a threat to the Latino community.

We recognize the importance of the Internet in connecting the Latino community to important resources and tools for economic empowerment and success. For this reason, we hope that the FCC will continue to foster policies that lead to network expansion and affordable broadband technology in the most competitive environment as possible.

In regards to the FCC's current inquiry on network management practices, we believe that management by providers leads to more efficient and reliable networks. With today's "video Internet," newer applications are constantly emerging that consume increasing amounts of bandwidth. In order to guarantee the best user experience, providers must have the ability to respond to constantly changing IP network demands. If the FCC were to restrict providers' authority to manage their networks, consumers would be left with degraded networks that only offer poorer levels of performance.

LCLAA does agree that providers should disclose their management practices where it concerns the end user's usage experience. Just as consumers are made aware of different providers' packages, pricing, and service agreements, they should also be informed about how a provider will manage a consumer's traffic.



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Disclosure of this information, pursuant to the Commission's fourth principle in their Broadband Policy Statement, promotes competition and allows consumers to make educated decisions about their Internet service.

We applaud the FCC for your inquiry on broadband market practices and urge you to continue to promote policies that offer consumers reliable and affordable broadband service.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gabriela D. Lemus
Executive Director